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- (3) If more than one person is designated, their combined work schedules must be arranged so that at least one of them is available, upon reasonable notice, throughout the normal administrative working hours of that institu-
- (b) Waiver. (1) the Secretary may waive the requirement that the employee or group of employees designated under paragraph (a) of this section be available on a full-time basis if the institution's total enrollment, or the portion of the enrollment participating in the title IV, HEA programs, is too small to necessitate an employee or group of employees being available on a full-time basis.
- (2) In determining whether an institution's total enrollment or the number of title IV, HEA program recipients is too small, the Secretary considers whether there will be an insufficient demand for information dissemination services among its enrolled or prospective students to necessitate the fulltime availability of an employee or group of employees.
- (3) To receive a waiver, the institution shall apply to the Secretary at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Secretary.
- (c) The granting of a waiver under paragraph (b) of this section does not exempt an institution from designating a specific employee or group of employees to carry out on a part-time basis the information dissemination requirements.

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## §668.46 Information on completion or graduation rates.

(a)(1) An institution shall prepare annually information regarding the completion or graduation rate and the transfer-out rate of the certificate- or degree-seeking, full-time graduate students entering that institution on or after September 1, 1996.

(2)(i) An institution that offers a predominant number of programs based on semesters, trimesters, or quarters shall base its completion or graduation rate and transfer-out rate calculations on the group of certificate- or degreeseeking, full-time undergraduate students who enter the institution during the fall term.

(ii) An institution not covered by the provisions of paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section shall base its completion or graduation rate and transfer-out rate on the calculations group certificate- or degree-seeking, full-time undergraduate students who enter the institution between every September 1 of one year and August 31 of the following year.

(3)(i) For purposes of the completion or graduation rate and transfer-out rate calculations required in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, an institution shall count as entering students only first-time freshman students, as de-

fined in §668.41(c).

(ii) An institution may also calculate the completion or graduation rate of students who transfer into the institution as a separate, supplemental rate.

- (4)(i) An institution covered by the provisions of paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section shall count as an entering student a first-time freshman student who is enrolled as of October 15, or the end of the institution's drop-add period.
- (ii) An institution covered by the provisions of paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section shall count as an entering student a first-time freshman student who has attended at least one day of class.
- (5)(i) Beginning with the group of students who enter the institution between September 1, 1996 and August 31, 1997, an institution shall disclose its completion or graduation rate and transfer-out rate information no later than the January 1 immediately following the point in time that 150% of the normal time for completion or graduation has elapsed for all of the students in the group on which the institution bases its completion or graduation rate and transfer-out rate calculations.
- (ii) An institution shall disclose no later than January 1 each year thereafter its completion or graduation rate information for each succeeding group of students who completed or graduated within 150% of the normal time for completion or graduation from their programs as of August 31 of the preceding year.
- (b) In calculating the completion or graduation rate under paragraph (a) of this section, an institution shall count as completed or graduated—

- (1) Students who have completed or graduated within 150% of the normal time for completion or graduation from their program;
- (2) Students who have completed a transfer program as described in §668.8(b)(1)(ii) within 150% of normal time for completion from that program may be counted as completers.
- (c)(1) In calculating the transfer-out rate under section paragraph (a) of this section, an institution shall count as students who have transferred out those students who, within 150% of the normal time for completion or graduation from the program in which the student was enrolled, subsequently enroll in any program of an eligible institution for which the prior program provides substantial preparation;
- (2) An institution shall document that its program provided substantial preparation to a student by obtaining a copy of any of the following:
- (i) Certification letter from the receiving institution stating that a student is enrolled in that institution;
- (ii) Electronic certification from the receiving institution stating that a student is enrolled in that institution;
- (iii) Confirmation of enrollment data from a legally-authorized statewide or regional tracking system (or shared information from those systems) confirming that a student has enrolled in another institution;
- (iv) Institutional data exchange information confirming that a student as enrolled in another institution; or
- (v) An equivalent level of documenta-
- (d) For the purpose of calculating a completion or graduation rate and a transfer-out rate, an institution may exclude from the calculation of its completion or graduation rate and its transfer-out rate students who—
- (1) Have left school to serve in the Armed Forces;
- (2) Have left school to serve on official church missions;
- (3) Have left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government, such as the Peace Corps; or
- (4) Are deceased, or totally and permanently disabled.
- (e)(1) The Secretary grants a waiver of the requirements of this section to any institution that is a member of an

- athletic association or conference that has voluntarily published completion or graduation rate data, or has agreed to publish data, that the Secretary determines are substantially comparable to the data required by this section.
- (2) An institution that receives a waiver of the requirements of this section must still comply with the requirements of §§ 668.41(a)(3) and 668.41(b) of this subpart.
- (3) An institution, or athletic association or conference applying on behalf of an institution that seeks a waiver under paragraph (e)(1) of this section shall submit a written application to the Secretary that explains why it believes the data the athletic association or conference publishes are accurate and substantially comparable to the information required by this section.

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## § 668.47 Institutional security policies and crime statistics.

- (a) An institution shall, by September 1, 1992, and by September 1 of each year thereafter, publish and distribute, through appropriate publications and mailings, an annual security report that contains, at a minimum, the following information:
- (1) A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's response to those reports, including policies for making timely reports to members of the campus community regarding the occurrence of crimes described in paragraph (a)(6) of this section. This statement shall include a list of the titles of each person or organization to whom students and employees should report the criminal offenses described in paragraph (a)(6) for the purpose of making timely reports.
- (2) A statement of current policies concerning security of and access to campus facilities, including campus